

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 and 9-22 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1 and 8 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Brito; and Claims 8-10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Abe.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The rejection of these claims has been overcome by the cancellation of Claims 1 and 8 and the amendment of the remaining dependent claims to depend from an allowable claim.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 13-22 are allowed.

Additionally, Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 4 and 11 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, these claims would be allowable.

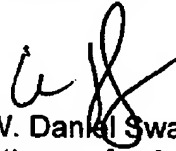
By the instant amendment, Claims 4 and 11 have been placed in independent form including all the limitations of Claims 1 and 8, respectively.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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